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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Imposition of Nonproliferation Measures on Five Syrian Entities.

<u>AGENCY:</u> Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The U.S. Government has determined that five entities have engaged in proliferation activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended by

Executive Order 13094 of July 28, 1998 and Executive Order 13382 of June 28, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authorities vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), and Section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and Executive Order 12938 of

November 14, 1994, as amended, the U.S. Government determined on July 17, 2012 that the following five Syrian entities have engaged in proliferation activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to sections 4(b), 4(c), and 4(d) of Executive Order 12938:

Business Lab

Handasieh, also known as:

General Organization for Engineering Industries

Industrial Solutions

Mechanical Construction Factory (MCF)

Syrian Arab Company for Electronic Industries, also known as: Syronics

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 12938, the following measures are imposed on these entities, their subunits, and successors for two years:

1. No departments or agencies of the United States Government shall procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods,

- technology, or services from these entities including the termination of existing contracts;
- 2. No departments or agencies of the United States government shall provide any assistance to these entities, and shall not obligate further funds for such purposes;
- 3. The Secretary of the Treasury shall prohibit the importation into the United States of any goods, technology, or services produced or provided by these entities, other than information or informational materials within the meaning of section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies as provided in Executive Order 12938.

In addition, pursuant to section 126.7(a)(1) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, it is deemed that suspending the above-named entities from participating in any activities subject to Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act would be in furtherance of the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, for two years, the Department of State is hereby suspending all licenses and other approvals for: (a) exports

and other transfers of defense articles and defense services from the United

States to the above-named entities; (b) transfers of U.S.-origin defense

articles and defense services from foreign destinations to the above-named

entities; and (c) temporary import of defense articles to or from the above-

named entities.

Moreover, it is the policy of the United States to deny licenses and other

approvals for exports and temporary imports of defense articles and defense

services destined for the above-named entities.

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